

# State of South Dakota

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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1240

Introduced by: Representatives Van Norman, Bradford, Engels, and Valandra

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for a study of the need to help develop youth  
2 recreation centers and after school youth programs within the Sioux Indian reservations in  
3 South Dakota.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

5 Section 1. The Legislature finds that state demographics show that youth under age eighteen  
6 comprise nearly fifty percent of the population on some Indian reservations within South Dakota,  
7 and the number of youth under age eighteen is rising. This growing youth population on the  
8 Sioux Indian reservations lives within nine counties that have the lowest per capita income in the  
9 state and there is a general lack of recreation centers and after school youth programs. Assistance  
10 in studying the specific need for constructing recreation centers and creating after school  
11 programs would encourage these students to be more strongly involved in positive activities.

12 Section 2. The South Dakota Departments of Social Services, Health, and Education and  
13 Cultural Affairs shall conduct a study of the need to help develop youth recreation centers and  
14 after school youth programs within the Sioux Indian reservations in South Dakota. The study  
15 shall be completed by September 30, 2003, and forwarded to the Legislative Research Council.

